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Hon. Thomas Brunnock
Waterbury Probate District (151)
49 Leavenworth Street
Waterbury, CT 06702

Re: Estate of Marlin S. Bugg-Jackson

FINAL REPORT AND REQUEST TO CHANGE FIDUCIARY FOR ESTATE

Dear Judge Brunnock:

I write on behalf of myself and on behalf of Attorney Danielle Rado to report to this Court on the Claim's Commissioner's decision in this matter, and to request a change of fiduciary for the named estate.

As you may recall, my office, along with Attorney Gary Broder represented the decedent's estate in a wrongful death claim against the State of Connecticut, namely its Department of Correction. The decedent, Marlin S. Bugg-Jackson, committed suicide while incarcerated on May 9, 2004. In its claim before the State's Claims Commissioner, the estate alleged that the Department of Correction failed to properly supervise the decedent, who was suffering from mental health complications during his incarceration, and as such, failed to prevent his suicide. Attorney Danielle Rado was appointed by this Court as fiduciary for the estate. The claim proceeded onto an evidentiary hearing. Unfortunately after hearing, the Commissioner decided in favor of the State, and hence, permission was not granted to the estate to sue the State pursuant to C.G.S. Section 4-160.

Mrs. Tanya Snow-Bugg, the decedent's mother, acting on behalf of the estate, wishes to appeal the Commissioner's decision to the next session of the General Assembly (2009), as is provided for in C.G.S. Sections 4-158 and 4-159. Mrs. Snow-Bugg has already filed the necessary paperwork to commence the estate's appeal. Accordingly, on behalf of myself and Attorney Rado, we request that Mrs. Snow-Bugg be substituted as fiduciary for the estate, that Attorney Rado be removed as fiduciary, and that Mrs. Snow-Bugg be permitted to represent the estate in its appeal before the General Assembly in the near future. My firm is no longer representing the estate with respect to the appeal process. Mrs. Snow-Bugg intends to represent the estate pro se.

Based upon my prior conversations with Attorney Broder, it is my understanding that he does not intend to continue his representation of the estate during the appeal process. Certainly, he can clarify the scope of his continued representation if I am incorrect or mistaken.

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